

STATE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL (SIAC)

April Meeting Summary



Date | time April 24, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. | **Meeting Location** Administrative Office of the Courts

Meeting called to order by Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & UPDATES

Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) & SIAC Vice Chair, welcomed members/alternates to the meeting.

- **Rhonda Logsdon**, KY-SPIN, Family Organization Representative, reported she had provided an updated KY-SPIN contact map as well as a flyer for Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, hosted by Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children, on May 9 [see Meeting Handouts]. Ms. Logsdon reported KY-SPIN has two new Educational Specialists, one in the Central KY Region and one in the Western KY Region. Ms. Logsdon reported she met with the Barren River RIAC about KY-SPIN and the services they offer. Ms. Logsdon said she hopes this would be the beginning of many more meetings with RIACs.
- **Denitta Mercier**, Parent Representative, reported two upcoming events: the annual Parent Retreat in the Barren River Region on April 27th, and the Spring Joint Meeting, "Be the We," May 3-5th at Barren River State Park.
- **Wendy Morris**, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID), reported the 6th Annual System of Care Academy is June 18-20 at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington. The theme this year is "Supporting Social and Emotional Health Across the Lifespan: It Starts with Us". Registration opens next week. Plenary sessions this year include: "Students as Solution Partners," "The Ripple Effect: An In-depth Look at the Hidden Impact of the Opioid Epidemic on Children and Families," and the Youth Behavioral Health Bill of Rights. In addition, this year there are two screenings with moderated discussions: "Suicide: The Ripple Effect" and "Paper Tigers." Commissioner Morris reported DBHDID has recently submitted two grant applications to SAMHSA: Project LAUNCH that focuses on services and supports to children for children age birth to age eight and a System of Care Expansion Grant that focuses on families with child welfare all involvement. Commissioner Morris expressed appreciation to all that assisted with submission of these grants. If funded, both grants will start September 1, 2019. Commissioner Morris also reported that DBHDID has been working with the Cabinet to embark on an exciting adventure to become a trauma-informed, resilience-orientated Cabinet. The Cabinet is going to be offering Trauma Informed Care overview sessions to interested departments and offices across the Cabinet, and the trauma-informed subject experts will assist those departments and offices in action planning to help prepare them to be trauma-informed.
- **Laura Beard**, Department for Public Health (DPH), reported the Kentucky Strengthening Families framework has expanded from birth to age 8 to across the lifespan. Kentucky Strengthening Families covered the early years from birth to age eight, and anything above that age falls into the category of Youth Thrive; however, the leadership team did not want to confuse people by changing the name. Therefore, they are calling their new training Families Thrive. Ms. Beard reported there are a few upcoming trainings hosted by RIACs, one in the Communicare area, one in Eastern Kentucky, and one in the Corbin area [see Meeting Handouts]. Ms. Beard reported DPH has a contract in place as of April 1 with DBHDID for justice-involved individuals whose parents who will benefit from parent education from the Nurturing Parenting Program.
- **Callie Cartmell**, Youth Representative, reported that the "Be the We" Joint Meeting is coming up as well as the Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. Ms. Cartmell also reported Kentucky Youth MOVE will be taking part in presenting at the System of Care Academy.
- **Stephanie Bates**, Department for Medicaid Services (DMS), reported the 115 waiver is on hold again and is expected to be on hold for quite a while; however, the SUD portion of the 1115 has been approved and is going

forward. Ms. Bates reported procurement for the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) is coming soon, which will include one MCO for all foster children and also includes an adoption subsidy. Ms. Bates reported DMS has been partnering with DCBS for decoupling. This will occur alongside the MCOs contracts that will start on July 1, 2020.

BUSINESS ITEMS

❖ Review of March Meeting Summary

Members reviewed the March meeting summary.

Rachel Bingham – made a motion to approve the minutes; **Shellie May** – second to the motion. Motion carried.

❖ Frequency of RIAC reporting

Vanessa Brewer, RIAC Administrator, proposed continuing with the monthly written RIAC updates while moving to quarterly verbal reports. Ms. Brewer explained the rationale behind the suggestion: ultimately, to provide the RIACs more time to accomplish tasks on their action plans. **Melissa Goins**, requested that if an issue came up before the quarterly report; then Ms. Brewer should contact Lea Taylor and be added to the next meeting agenda so that RIACs knew they could continue to request SIAC assistance at any time. Both Ms. Brewer and Ms. Taylor agreed.

Rhonda Logsdon – made a motion to approve; **Melissa Goins** – second the motion. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

- ❖ **Damien Sweeney**, Ed.D., Program Coordinator for Comprehensive School Counseling, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), Social & Emotional Health Standing Committee Chair, reported the Standing Committee has heard from stakeholders across the state. Dr. Sweeney showed YouTube clips from two: Lead2Feed (www.lead2feed.org) and Global Game Changers (<https://globalgamechangers.org>). The Standing Committee also heard a presentation from an NCASE (National Center on Afterschool and Summer Enrichment) workgroup, which includes a number of representatives from SIAC agencies, regarding social and emotional health initiatives around the state. The SEH Standing Committee will host a screening and facilitated discussion of *Paper Tigers* at the System of Care Academy in June. Dr. Sweeney showed a trailer of this film. The panel will include professionals from multiple agencies with Drs. Sweeney and Robbins facilitating the discussion. Dr. Sweeney stated the Social Emotional Health Task Force will meet two more times, and then they will give recommendations to SIAC.
- ❖ **Edward L. Palmer, Sr.**, Certified Diversity Trainer, Racial & Ethnic Disparities Standing Committee Chair, reported that Senate Bill 200 was defeated. Pastor Palmer reported they have found that many of their stakeholders did not understand ethnic disparities, so the system did not recognize this as a problem. Pastor Palmer said that agencies should talk with staff to determine what happens at each contact point, identify the data that can be collected on social and ethnic disparities at each of the contact points, then utilize the data for action planning to drive practices and policy change at the state and regional levels. Pastor Palmer reported they have met with some staff and students at Kentucky State University around court-designated worker programs and plan to engage them in some training pieces. Pastor Palmer stated the ask for SIAC is racial and disparity data and activities. Pastor Palmer requested each SIAC agency participate in submitting racial disparity data specific to the agency. Pastor Palmer stated the Standing Committee also wants to address the success stories around reducing racial disparities and share them on a quarterly basis. The Standing Committee will collect that data in order to be informed about what is happening across the state and across agencies regarding racial and ethnic disparities. Pastor Palmer requested one member from each SIAC agency participate in the standing committee to help understand each agency's processes and data.
- ❖ Lea Taylor, SIAC Administrator, reported the third standing committee is the Outreach and Promotion; however, neither Missy Brownson Ross nor Kristin Knight could be here today, so that Standing Committee update will be moved the May agenda.

SENATE BILL 1 NEXT STEPS

Wayne D. Lewis, Jr., PhD, Commissioner of Kentucky Department of Education, led the Council in a discussion on the passing of Senate Bill 1. A summary was provided by the Kentucky Center for School Safety [see Meeting Handouts]. Dr.

Lewis stated the bill takes a comprehensive approach to school safety, encompassing physical safety and social and emotional health. Dr. Lewis discussed topics including school resource officers, School Security Marshall, school security risk assessment tools, mandated training and reporting of risk assessment, trauma informed approach to education, school counselor to child ratios, etc. **Commissioner Morris**, DBHDID, asked if there would be any type of cross-agency work group to discuss next steps and responsibilities? Dr. Lewis responded that he did not know of any single work group in conversation that would oversee all aspects. Commissioner Morris stated that DBHDID would be glad to participate. **Rhonda Logsdon**, KY-SPIN, emphasized the need for family and youth representatives to be included in such a work group.

REGIONAL INTERAGENCY COUNCIL (RIAC) UPDATES & CHALLENGES

Vanessa Brewer, RIAC Administrator at Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, reported that she had just wrapped up her first round of visits with all of the RIACs and is in the process of scheduling a second round of visits. Ms. Brewer stated that from her visits, she has observed all the RIACs operate a little differently. Ms. Brewer reported there has been considerable turnover in the RIACs over the past few years. Ms. Brewer emphasized the importance of one member per agency who attends the meetings and one consistent designee. Ms. Brewer reported that some of the RIACs have expressed uncertainty for their purpose, so during RIAC visits, the RIAC and SIAC Administrators are reviewing the purpose and the mission with the attendees. Ms. Brewer stated they have also put together a RIAC Task Force that includes seasoned LRCs and Chairs to help close gaps and put protocols in place to better support the RIACs.

FUTURE ADENDA ITEMS

Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair, asked for input on future agenda items.

- Missy Brownson Ross, GEAR UP, Council on Postsecondary Education, Outreach & Promotion Standing Committee Chair – Outreach & Promotion update – May 2019
- Social & Emotional Health Task Force Recommendations to SIAC – June 2019
- Opioid grant update

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair, asked for any public comment. There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Administrative Office of the Courts, 1001 Vandalay Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601

ADJOURNMENT

Rachel Bingham – made a motion to adjourn; **Shellie May** – second to the motion. Motion carried.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

TASK:	RESPONSIBLE PARTY:
Help identify potential RIAC Youth Members	Callie Cartmell and KY Youth MOVE
One consistent staff from each SIAC agency to participate on each Standing Committee	SIAC Commissioners or Designees to appoint staff
Data for RED Standing Committee	SIAC Member agencies

IN ATTENDANCE

Members/Designees:

Elizabeth Caywood, DCBS
Wayne Lewis, Jr., KDE
Ray DeBolt, DJJ
Wendy Morris, DBHDID
Denitta Mercier, Parent
Dorothy Jenkins, OVR
Stephanie Bates, DMS

Melissa Goins, FRYSC
Rhonda Logsdon, KY-SPIN
Rachel Bingham, AOC
Laura Beard, DPH
Callie Cartmell, Youth
Shellie May, OCSHCN

Staff: Lea Taylor, SIAC Administrator, DBHDID; Lori Ramage, Administrative Specialist, DBHDID; Vanessa Brewer, RIAC Administrator, DBHDID

Partial Guest List:

Vestena Robbins, DBHDID
Diane Gruen-Kidd, DBHDID
Christina Weeter, KDE
Sonny Mercier, Parent Alternate
Natasha Sanford, Adanta
William Heffron, DJJ
Ian Rosser, KY-SPIN
David Hanna, Passport
Michelle Kilgore, DBHDID
Abby Freeman, Lifeskills
Liz Stearman, Anthem
Kellie Smith, KY-SPIN
Kathy Mason, RIAC

Anne Embry, Lifeskills
Pastor Edward Palmer, CDT
Christie Penn, DBHDID
Damien Sweeney, KDE
Brittany Roberts, KPFC
Rachel Cartmell
Sarah Kidder, BBC
Leigh Ann Fitzpatrick, DMS
Liz Moreland, Bluegrass.org
Jo Craven, KYCID
Shirley Gardstein, CRBH
Donnie Ray, MCCC

STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committees did not meet.

MEETING HANDOUTS

Any handouts referenced in the meeting summary above will be available on the SIAC website at <http://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/siac-summaries.aspx>. Under **Handouts**, use the drop down to select this meeting date.